

Article -- Natural Resources  
Section 8-601, 8-610(a) and 8-613  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume)

BY repealing

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Section 8-602(b) and 8-609(c)  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 8-601, 8-610(a) and 8-613 of Article -- Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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8-601.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated.

(B) "ABANDON" MEANS TO PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUE THE USE OF A WELL. ANY WELL SHALL BE DEEMED ABANDONED WHEN IT IS IN SUCH A STATE OF DISREPAIR THAT CONTINUED USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING GROUNDWATER IS IMPRACTICABLE OR WHEN IT HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY DISCONNECTED FROM ANY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OR IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

(C) "AQUIFER" MEANS ANY FORMATION OF SOIL, SAND, ROCK, GRAVEL, LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, OR OTHER MATERIAL, OR ANY CREVICE FROM WHICH UNDERGROUND WATER IS OR MAY BE PRODUCED.

[(b)] (D) "Board" means Maryland State Board of Well Drillers.

[(c)] (E) "Business of well drilling" includes the construction, INSTALLATION, ABANDONMENT, BY PERMANENT DISCONNECTION alteration, or repair, FOR PROFIT, of a [water] well and related equipment necessary to draw and purify water from the [drilled] well, including water pump, tank, or water conditioning equipment.

[(d)] (F) "Owner" is a person who has the right to drill into, produce, and appropriate the production of water, either for himself, another person, or for both of them.